

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
BEAVER COUNTY, ss:

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County. —

The petition of Christian G. Smith

Humbly Sheweth, That your petitioner is a native of

Hortensberg and was heretofore a subject of the  
Empire of Germany

that he has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States of America five years, and within the State of Pennsylvania one year; and that he has two years prior to this application declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States in the manner required by law, as in and by the certificate herunto attached appears; that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and forever abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate and sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the said Empire  
of Germany of whom he was heretofore a subject.

Your petitioner therefore prays that he may be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States of America.

I, James Christian G. Smith C. G. Schmid  
do swear that the facts set forth in this, my petition, are true, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate or sovereignty whatever, and particularly do absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to the Empire  
of Germany of which I was heretofore a subject.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court,  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September A. D., 1878 } C. G. Schmid.  
O. A. Small Prothonotary.

I, James J. Stokes do swear that the petitioner has resided within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States of America, five years, and within the State of Pennsylvania one year, and that during his residence within the United States he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court,  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept. A. D., 1878 } James J. Stokes  
O. A. Small Prothonotary.